Wedy Morng. 10 Decr.

My dear Doctor, Your last letter, & the supplementary package of Gramineæ, reached me, in due course, & having now completed my Job, I purpose sending home your treasures, tomorrow Thursdy & I will add by which line of boats, by & bye, when I have been down town — I shall address the 2 Boxes to you, to the care of Mr. Adams, & shall inclose the shipping receipt to that Gentleman lest any mischance should prevent your Express Man from calling for them — If the People at the Boat require the production of the receipt, you will of course tell the Man to call on Mr. Adams for it — And now, before going further, let me heartily thank you, my kind friend, for the choice Pickings which your Collections have afforded me, indeed my Gram. & Cyp. are now quite respectable — I remember you, or Torrey told me a Story of Leconte, sending his Herbm. to Paris, to be arranged, with the understanding that the Parties were to have the Dups. for their trouble; & LeC. complained that they sent back the papers all arranged, & cabbaged all the Specimens — But these were Frenchmen, & I hope you will fare rather better in having committed your treasures to the mercy of an Englishman — Indeed I feel my Conscience tolerably easy, in the Matter, & believe that you will find a little bit left, of most things — And now further Loose Mem. for the Book. Trichochloa caps. must come in, as You have it from N. H. Dana. also remember that Barratt finds Panicum amarum, somewhere in Connt. Your Specimens are only from the South — Amongst the Gram. incog. see a very queer thing from Barratt — You put it with your Festucæ, but I think it is a Flower of Poa, in some diseased State — I want a Microscope, & as I mean to have a good one, when I buy, I fear I must wait awhile. Panicum from Wyoming Pa. collected by me, very like one you got from Seneca Lake — new? Genus Eragrostis wants looking to — I suspect that what we call E. (Poa) pilosa runs into some large

I should be but too pleased & thankful if Miss Clay would again collect for me, in Geo. Her Specimens are very neat & good — Please communicate so much, since she makes the proposal, as I should have felt ashamed to trouble her anew — Can we any how get at the Grasses of States Jewett No. 2 [illegible] to her the quarter where I shall be most lacking — that is to say — Geo. & So. Car. & Alabama where are many Species that do not go so far South as Florida — I think of this place, see [illegible] in the fine in those quarters —

Southern forms, of which you brought Specns from England - "Poa pilosa"
of the Geyer plants, is something quite different - I have put you in
one of my Specns - Poa modesta of our friend E.T. will be, I think
an alpine form of Elliott's P. tenuis, & perhaps all running
into P. capillaris, but I think not, tho' your English friends have
got the latter for Elliott's plant - My "hobbery with Hooker, & by
anticipation with you" about Reboulea, is because he unites
R. pennsyl. & R. truncata, with Aira obtusata, making one
Spect. only (R. gracilis) of the 3, whereas you agree to let the
latter stand distinct - However, you will have to look
into the matter, shortly, as I collected both this & R. cristata
in Pennsa & you have my Specns - When working for Lindheimer,
remember that our Eragrostis conferta is E. hepalantha Trin
(fide Spec. Brazil ex Bong.) also Cyperus Drummondii, is, I think,
similar to a plant you have from Surinam (Schw.) without
a name, but doubtless published, in which case Torr. & Hook.
will not stand - The strange Texas Grass (Claanthes) is in
the package marked "Gram. exot. & quibusd. ignot." - I send
Geyer's Gentiana ochrol. - it is in a package at the top of the
Horizontal Box - also I return Phalangium croceum, which
is Baldwin's plant - see remarks - I am glad to see that my
Brother has got Doubleday's Andromeda, indeed, more than
I had, but, with one exception, his are the young shoots, in
flower, but with small leaves, not shewing the rhomboid
shape - It is very near A. nitida, & may be, as DC. places
it, a var. only, of A. coriacea (what is the type?) - It
seems to differ from A. nitida in having less acute leaves
& much fewer flowers, only 2 or 3 together - There may be
microscopic char.s about the Anthers or floral Envelopes,
which I have not the means of ascertaining - Call & see
Sam's Andromeda before you go to press - He will be glad
to see you - I was much pleased with the little Set of Rub-Am
Species of Cassiope which you kindly sent me, & for which, with
the other emptyings of my Pigeon-hole, my best thanks are due -
The habit of Cassiope bears out the genus well - I do not like
Zenobia, as it stands in DC. nor, very much, Cassandra,
tho' I should hardly know what to do with it - I am doubt-
ful whether Chapman's A. rhomb. belongs to A. ferrug. Is it
not probably Lyonia rigida - Nutt? I used, (if I remember
rightly) to consider it as a probable form of L. ligustrina
Look at it again - What is Nuttall's L. frondosa? Of course
you bear in mind, that I have no sort of authority for thinking
Doubleday's plant the true A. rhomb. tho' it well answers the
descripn. of Pers. as given by Ell. - Write me a few lines to set
my mind at rest, as to the safe arrival of the Boxes, & at same
time, if you have any further remarks as to what you wish me
to say at Buffo. please let me have them, as I think
of starting in about a Week - I am still quite feeble,
& move very slowly, if at all - No plants have come in,
as yet, but I had a kind letter, to day, from Short, who will
look me up a lot of Western things this Winter, & send them
on when Navign. opens, in the Spring - I am getting fidgetty
about Curtis' Box, which ought to have reached me towards
the close of October! I have written to him about it - Did I
tell you that I wrote, at once, to your Penna. Quaker? He
writes nothing - but will no doubt, "do the needful" - I have
seen nothing of Torrey, since we parted - I called once at the
College, but he was not there - That, however, was before I was
at Boston, indeed very shortly after the Doctor kindly called
to see me at my Brother's house, but I was very unwell &
had gone to bed - I shall make another Effort to see him before
I leave the City - I do not know his College days, or hours -

I observe my last was wrong directed, but why if I was careless, should the people at the P.O. be boobies? It seems there is such a place as Harvard, (which I knew not) but is there a Cambridge Univ.y there? or still less, a Prof.r Gray? Your Syl. of Lectures I think very good & I do not doubt but that they will be very interesting – I should like to hear them – I have been very cautious in keeping all your Specimens distinct, but there are so many different sizes of Paper, that when you open the Bundles, you must tie them up again with care – I did not wish to add to the size of the Packages by unnecessary Paper, especially as you will so soon consign them to my lord Yuer, & all that is needed, in the meantime, is a little care!! Some few things had no labels or indication of their whereabouts – You will find many errors, doubtless, but in general, I hope I have succeeded in bringing allied forms together so as to be useful – Once again, accept my hearty thanks, & with very kind regards to your brother, who has, I hope, "gone up" ere this

I am truly Yrs. Jno Carey

The Packages in the upright Box, are compressed very tightly, & had better be taken out, at once – All the Grapes are in that Box – I send by the "Boston & Providence Line – Boat "Mohegan".

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